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RESOLVED  
THAT A BARREL IS A NICE  
COOL THING TO WEAR—BUT  
WHO WANTS TO WEAR A  
BARREL WHEN WE HAVE  
APPAREL THAT IS  
JUST AS COOL AND  
LOOKS MUCH BETTER  
BUSTER BROWN



CLOTHING THAT IS SOLD FITS LITTLE  
BETTER THAN A BARREL. WE ARE NOT ASHAMED  
FOR A MAN WHOM WE FIT OUT TO LOOK AT  
BACK. EVEN NEGLIGENCE GARMENTS MIGHT  
AS WELL BE PROPERLY CUT. IT COSTS NO  
MORE BUT SO MANY MANUFACTURERS ARE  
CARELESS. THEY DO NOT WISH TO MAKE GOOD  
THINGS BUT THINGS "JUST AS GOOD." A  
THING THAT IS JUST AS GOOD CAN BE NO  
BETTER THAN A GOOD THING. WE DO NOT CLAIM  
WHAT WE SELL YOU IS "JUST AS GOOD"  
THAT IT IS "GOOD" WOULD YOU NOT  
WANT SOMETHING GOOD? COME TO A  
GOOD PLACE. THESE ARE SOME GOOD THINGS.

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Dallas Mercantile Co.

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## Open Season For Trout Fishing Now Here

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Rods, Lines, Reels, Leaders  
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R. R. Ellis' Confectionery

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We carry the famous DIAMOND "W" brand of extracts, Spices, Coffee, Tea and Canned goods. Fresh bread daily. The very best of fruits and vegetables can always be found at our store.

Antonia & Scott Dallas, Oregon

## ON BRINK OF PRECIPICE

YOUNG GERMAN FARMER IS  
STRICKEN IN LONELY SPOT.

Falls in Faint From Attack of  
Appendicitis—Is Found By a  
Neighbor.

Lying unconscious and writhing in agony, on the brink of a 100-foot precipice, Otto Wendt, a young German boy about 16 years of age, was found near his home on Salt Creek brought to this city, where he was taken to the Dallas hospital. An investigation revealed the fact that Wendt was suffering from an attack of appendicitis. He was operated on yesterday morning by Dr. A. B. Starbuck, and is resting quietly, with the chances all in favor of his recovery.

Was Living Alone.

Wendt has been in this country only a few months and is unable to speak a word of English. He has been living alone in a cabin on the farm of Henry Voth, north of Dallas, where he was cultivating a small parcel of land. Last Saturday, according to the story he tells, he left his cabin to visit another locality and, in going with a severe pain in his side and fell unconscious. Later, he regained his senses and started on, only to fall a second time.

Groans Attract Attention.

Late Saturday night, a neighbor passing through a patch of trees in an unfrequented spot heard some one groaning and, making an investigation, found young Wendt, writhing near the brink of a precipice at least 100 feet in height. He was unconscious and was just on the point of pitching headlong to certain death when found.

Little is known of Wendt, but it has been learned that his father is a man of considerable prominence and wealth in the Fatherland, and yesterday morning he was notified of his son's illness.

## DALLAS GUILD YEAR CLOSES

Twenty-one Families Aided and Nearly  
600 Garments Distributed.

The 21 members of the local branch of the Needlework Guild of America recently met and wound up its affairs for the year. Reports received showed that 21 families had been aided by the guild during the year. Nearly 600 new garments and pieces of household linen were distributed, and in addition several hundred second hand garments were given out. It was decided at the meeting that the canvass for new members and new garments should begin within a short time, in readiness for the society's annual tea and exhibition of garments, which is to be held October 29, and one of the 21 directors must get 19 new members, each of whom will be expected to give two new garments in pairs, and there must also be one or more members in each group who will make a cash donation. This worthy charitable organization has received liberal support from the women and business men of the town, and it is believed that another year of great usefulness is at hand. The Dallas branch has the distinction of being the only one in the state outside of Portland.

## LARGE TIMBER AREA BURNED

Serious Fire in Spaulding Company's  
Forests Above Black Rock.

A serious forest fire has swept over a large area of timber about three miles north of Black Rock, on land owned by the Spaulding Logging Company, since Saturday. Reports received from Falls City this forenoon state that the fire was under control. Considerable anxiety was felt Saturday night, as the indications were that the whole timbered country up to the mouth of the river was in danger. Mr. Shaw was one of the best-liked young men in Dallas, and he will be greatly missed by the young people.

## SPECIAL FESTIVAL TRAINS

S. F. C. & W. Will Accommodate Up-  
Country People.

On Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9, for the benefit of those from Falls City and Black Rock desiring to attend the Polk County Harvest Festival and remain in Dallas for the festival celebration, regular trains on the S. F. C. & W. railway will be run as usual during the day; special trains will be run as follows: Leaving Dallas at 1:15 p. m. for Falls City and Black Rock on these two nights, Friday and Saturday, September 8 and 9.

## To Exhibit Stock.

W. J. Domes, of McCoy, passed through here Wednesday morning, en route to Sacramento, to the California state fair, with 29 head of Jersey and Ayrshire cattle and 22 head of Berkshire and Hampshire hogs—Albany Herald.

## Repairing Bridge.

A crew of 10 men are repairing the Southern Pacific railroad bridge on North Church street. The bridge, which enclosed the sides has been torn off and the timbers are being replaced with new ones as fast as possible without interfering with the traffic.

## Expensive Throat.

Bill throwing on the south side of Court street costs, when the "big" tubs are in operation, at the rate of about three and a half cents per shot. Bill throwing on the north side of Court street, directly opposite, costs about 25¢ per shot. The difference in rate is due to the difference in cost of the water and the distance of the water from the tubs and the damage to the tubs and the street. While working on the Hotel Gal, a few evenings ago, a young man accidentally threw a ball in the street, making a hole in the sidewalk, making a hole large enough to crawl through.

## SODA WATER TANK EXPLODES

William Greenwood's Hands Injured  
By Flying Metal.

By the explosion of a defective soda water tank, William Greenwood, in charge of the Dallas works, was severely injured in both hands Monday morning about 9:45 o'clock. He was moving the tank and had both hands on the top of it when the accident occurred. When Dr. A. B. Starbuck arrived he found the bones broken in the left hand, and the palm pressure maintained in the tanks is 150 pounds to the square inch, so that his pieces were thrown about with considerable force, but no damage was done to the factory. In the excitement following the explosion some one turned in an alarm of fire, to which the department responded, only to find that its services were not needed.

## WILL SHIP GREEN PRUNES

Fifteen Carloads to Leave Dallas in  
Next Two Weeks.

Within the next two weeks \$5000 worth of green prunes will be shipped out of Dallas to the principal cities of the East. The work of packing will begin about next Thursday at the Soehren warehouse, and from that time until the fruit is no longer fit to ship the place will be a hive of activity. W. N. Sayre, the buyer, who two years ago shipped the first green prunes from this city, is handling the crop again this year. For some time he has been getting things in readiness, and the equipment needed is all at hand.

Mr. Sayre expects to send out at least 15 carloads of green prunes from here this season. Each car will contain 1000 crates, and in every crate there are to be four five-pound "tin-tops" or approximately 20,000 pounds of prunes, or 400 bushels. Hence in the entire shipment the number of crates will reach 15,000. There will be a total of 60,000 "tin-tops," and 600,000 pounds, or 6000 bushels of prunes. Forty girls will be employed to do the packing, and are to be paid five cents per crate. Five men will be kept busy handling the crates and loading the cars, making a total working force of about 45 people.

The Dallas Ice company has the contract for icing the cars, and will place in each car one of their five-ton warehouse annex. He is an expert in that line of work and was employed here two years ago. He is turning out crates at the rate of 600 per day, or one a minute, and has a record of 350 a day, which he made with good material at Dundee. He lately arrived from Cook's Inlet, Alaska, where he made 41,000 salmon boxes during the canning season there.

## DALLAS BOY'S APPOINTMENT

Claud L. Shaw To Be Y. M. C. A.  
Secretary in Idaho.

Claud L. Shaw, who for the past two months has been connected with the state office of the Young Men's Christian Association, in Portland, came up Saturday to make a short visit with his parents and friends in Dallas, before leaving for his new home in Payette, Idaho, where he is to take the position of assistant secretary of the association, in a new \$25,000 building. Mr. Shaw graduated this year from the classical course of Dux College, and has been a leader in the college Y. M. C. A. work. In athletics he was very prominent, and for the past four years has been manager of the championship basketball team of the college, in which he played the position of guard. He was also a member of the famous "Oregons" of this city, when they made their triumphal tour of the United States a few years ago. Mr. Shaw was one of the best-liked young men in Dallas, and he will be greatly missed by the young people.

## RIDER INJURED BY PONY

John R. Dennis Thrown Off at "Hoodoo"  
Spot in Oakdale.

Sunday evening, while riding a pony down the Robinson hill in Oakdale, John R. Dennis was thrown to the ground and badly bruised. The pony became frightened and in its plunging overbalanced and fell upon its rider. No bones were broken, but the injuries were painful and numerous. Dr. Cary was called and rendered the necessary medical attention.

A curious feature of the accident is that it happened exactly where two other serious accidents have occurred within the last couple of years, and the place is coming now to be looked upon by the neighbors as a "hoodoo" spot. It is on the Oakdale-Falls City road, near the entrance gate to J. S. Macomber's farm, Ferndale. By the breaking of a back wheel there Mr. Macomber's little girl had her ankle broken and Mrs. Macomber's arm was severely sprained. This summer, while coasting down the hill in an express wagon, Ralph Macomber was upset and suffered the fracture of his collar bone. The hoodoo spot is about 250 yards from the place where Mrs. Foster was crashed beneath a load of lumber two years ago.

## Brooder Sells Out.

Charles E. Brooks, the well-known breeder and exhibitor of Holstein cattle, has sold his farm near Independence, Oregon, the purchase being made by a late arrival from Southern California, who intends to engage in dairying. Mr. Brooks expects to leave there in a few weeks, and in doing so must sell his registered Holsteins.

## Fine Polk Peaches.

Notwithstanding that this is supposed to be an off year for peaches, a load of extra large and very fine Crater peaches were brought into Dallas Monday evening by J. R. Houshine. They were raised on the old "Uncle Billy" place, about a mile below Independence, on the river bank. Twenty-one crates of these fine peaches were delivered at Simonson & Scott's late Monday evening, and by morning they were all sold out at 25¢ per bushel.

## "LIVELY BUNCH" CAKEWALKS

Jolly Dallasites Have Hilarious Evening  
Outing at Zeller Ranch.

The "Lively Bunch" of this city, not knowing how else to profitably spend their time, hid themselves to Zeller's ranch last Saturday evening, fully intent on having an extra good time. After arriving at the grove, which had been previously gotten ready by J. E. Miller and others, no time was lost in lighting the Japanese lanterns and hammocks and starting a bonfire. Games were played, and solos, duets and quartets were sung until about 12:30 a. m., when several of the women of the bunch, being hungry, a repeat fit for a king or any Dallasite was quickly spread, supplemented by luscious water-melons.

As a cake-walk contest was next in order, a photograph was started with appropriate music, and after about one-half hour of strenuous "walking," or prancing, the prize was awarded to Mrs. J. E. Miller and Mr. F. W. Zeller. Miss Winifred Wing easily took the prize as an impersonator of Adeline Genee.

Not a dull moment was in evidence, as the neighbors could testify, and all agreed that the party capped the climax of the summer's entertainments, and as they wended their way homeward the rising sun greeted them warmly.

The "lively" ones present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Simonson, Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Wing, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Zeller, Miss M. Shinness, Miss W. Wing, and Miss Hansen. Mr. Wayne Greenwood, Mr. C. Burch, and Mr. George Fuller.

## VEAZIE FAMILY REUNION

Veazie Family Gather at Lyle Farm  
For Regular Occasion.

Mrs. H. L. Veazie and her sons and daughters, with their families, met at the Lyle farm for their annual family reunion on Saturday and Sunday, August 26 and 27. Twenty members of the family sat at the big banquet table that had been built on the south lawn, and covered with a canopy especially decorated for the occasion. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Veazie, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Veazie, Grace, Ellen Veazie, Emily Veazie, Harriet Veazie, Edmund Veazie, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Veazie, Alfred Veazie, Marion Lyle Veazie, all of Portland; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bryson, Lyle Bryson, and John Bryson, of Eugene; Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Glen, Harold Glen, Phillip Glen and Juliet Glen, recently of Eugene, but now of Seattle, Washington.

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Forest Grove Couple Married in Dallas  
Half a Century Ago.

FOREST GROVE, Aug. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. William M. Stevens, Oregon pioneers celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at their home in this city Tuesday. Many friends and relatives of the aged couple extended felicitations. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens entertained with a reception of early life in the Western country. Mr. Stevens was born at Hanover, Ind., in 1831, and crossed the plains to Oregon from Madison, Iowa, in 1850. He was married in 1851, and his name was Ann Elizabeth de Lashmut, came from Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1860. The couple married at Dallas, August 22, 1861. They came to Washington county from Polk county in 1864, and have lived in this country continuously ever since. They lived for nearly 40 years on their farm at Buxton, 15 miles north of this city, and several years ago came to this city, where they have since resided. The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens are all living. Those present at the celebration were: Mrs. John Carstensen, A. L. Stevens, of Banks; Charles R. Stevens and Fred Stevens, of Buxton.

## TO STAY FOREIGN TRAVEL

Governor West Stairs "See America  
First" Movement.

SALEM, Aug. 22.—Urging the governors of all the states to help along the "See America First" movement, Governor West has addressed a letter to them, calling their attention to the beauties of the Pacific Northwest and making an urgent appeal to do everything possible to stay the tide of foreign travel and turn it to the Pacific Coast. Governor West calls attention to the fact that this tendency on the part of the Americans is a great economic loss to the country and should be combated on every possible occasion. He estimates that \$3,000,000 is spent abroad every season by Americans that should be used in seeing their own country instead. The Governor calls attention to the big convention called for Baltimore January 22, 1912, when the "See-America-First" movement will be discussed and asks that each state send a big delegation.

## On the "Breakwater."

Harring all accidents, mishaps or perversions of Providence, Peter Alexander Pineth and James Carey Hayer, the two wayward Dallas youths who ran away to sea last week, are now aboard the ship "Breakwater," en route from Marshfield to Newport, by the way of Astoria and Portland. A card received from them says that they left Marshfield Saturday noon. They visited the street carnival at Bandon, and promise that if they get back safely to Newport they will come straight home.

## Pleasant Surprise Party.

A pleasant surprise was given Mrs. J. E. Miller and Mrs. P. H. Elting by several of their friends last Thursday evening. All kinds of games and music were indulged in and all present enjoyed the occasion immensely. The surprise was more of a farewell party for Mrs. Elting, as she left for her home in Seattle the following morning.

## Lofty Milton.

Milton Smith, aged 17 years, is probably the tallest boy for his years in Washington county. Young Smith is 6 feet 2 inches tall, and weighs about 115 pounds. His health is not robust, and during a recent illness it is said that he added one-half inch to his stature. He is the son of E. P. Smith, a farmer of the Dilley region. —Hillsboro News.

## BOY DROWNS IN LA CREOLE

Little Peter F. Friesen Loses Life Near  
Dallas Sunday Afternoon.

Peter F. Friesen, the 11-year-old son of Frank Friesen, of Smithfield, was accidentally drowned in the La Creole river below town Sunday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. In company with his brother Frank he had gone swimming and ventured beyond his depth. His cries of alarm aroused his father, but when the latter arrived the boy had gone down for the last time. It was nearly a half hour before divers recovered the body. Mr. and Mrs. Friesen and the children were spending the day at the home of George Kliever, Mr. Friesen's brother-in-law, who recently bought a portion of the Crider place, east of this city. The scene of the accident was within a short distance of the Kliever home.

The funeral will be held at 1 o'clock this afternoon from the Salt Creek church, by Rev. Voth, and the body will be buried in the cemetery there.

## LIBRARY TAG DAY CHOSEN

Popular Method of Raising Funds  
Will Be Adopted Again.

Saturday, September 9, the closing day of the harvest festival and carnival, has been named as the annual tag-day of the Dallas public library. On that date the public will be given an opportunity to contribute to the support of its most popular institution. Dozens of winsome Dallas lassies will be stationed at the various vantage points about town, and everyone will be asked to buy a tag—several tags, any number of tags—but at least one tag. Prizes will be offered for the largest sales and there will be spirited rivalry among the fair saleswomen. At the annual tag sales held here in previous years the people have entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion, and it is believed that this year's proceeds will exceed anything of the past. Practically all the money required for the maintenance of the library is obtained by the sale of tags. No city in the state, in proportion to its size, has a better or more carefully conducted library than Dallas, and "buy a tag" will be a popular slogan. The library board, consisting of J. G. VanOrsdel, chairman; R. E. Williams, Tracy Staats, Conrad Stafrin, Mrs. F. H. Morrison and Mrs. George Hanger, held a meeting in the library rooms Friday evening, and made the preliminary arrangements for tag day. A committee of general supervision was appointed, of which Mrs. Mark Hanger is chairman. She will be assisted by Mrs. George L. Hawkins, Mrs. U. S. Loughary, Mrs. W. J. Kaerth, and Mrs. V. V. Fuller. The list of the sales committee will be announced later.

## Visiting in Polk.

W. A. Reid and wife, editor of the Reville Star Farmer, a country newspaper published at Reville, Minnesota, is visiting Salem friends for a few days. He has been visiting Dan Vanderblit, a brother of his wife, for several weeks, and is now at the home of T. S. Clark, a fruit grower of Polk county—Salem Statesman.

## Safely Returned.

The fishing and hunting party composed of M. D. Ellis, H. G. Black, William Caldwell and Roy Black, who have been absent in the vicinity of Fish Lake for three weeks, is home again, and glad of it. The trip was fraught with divers dangers, hunger and hardships, excitement and exhaustion, with now and then a fish. But the quartette is trying to preserve uniform silence as to what they underwent. Getting caught by forest fires, having to wade a roadway through huge logs, letting the wagon down the mountain side by ropes, hauling it here and there by man power, sleeping on unyielding rocks, are only a few of the incidents divulged in unguarded moments.

## All Men's and Boys' Oxford Shoes

On Sale at  
ACTUAL COST

They wear as long as any shoe and they are cool for the hot summer days. Call and get a good bargain in Oxfords.

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